

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile ILLINOIS

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program

Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment • Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities • Laboratory Capacity for Biological Agents • Health Alert Network
Illinois has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing a Bioterrorism Preparedness and Readiness Assessment of all 94 Local Health Departments in the state, • Completing a Bioterrorism Preparedness and Readiness Assessment of 98% of all hospitals in the state, • Publishing a summary of the Illinois surveys in the February edition of the National Domestic Preparedness Office's Beacon Newsletter, • Establishing the Multi-jurisdictional Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Task Force to address various public health and medical issues associated with a biological act or terrorism, • Presenting a Public Health and Medical Functional Exercise for a Covert Bioterrorism Event, • Presenting an Exercise Design Course for Local Health Departments in Northeastern Illinois, • Developing Curriculum and presenting "Domestic Preparedness: Improving Hospital and Provider Response to Terrorism" Educational Program, • Establishing a grant program for select local health departments to upgrade local preparedness and response capabilities relative to bioterrorism promoting model plans that can be used to expand this effort to other local health departments across the state, • Enhancing core surveillance staffing providing regional contacts for local health agencies throughout the state, • Updating the state's Reportable Disease List and the administrative rules that accompany it to include adding a new "immediate" reporting time frame for certain diseases, • Remodeling select public health laboratory facilities to ensure Bio-Safety Level 3 procedures can be utilized, • Linking every local health department in the state to the Illinois Department of Public Health's Wide Area Network via high-speed, frame relay connections, • Increasing the number of satellite downlink facilities across the state from 28 to 55 which improves local health agency access to bioterrorism preparedness and response distance learning offerings, • Establishing a curriculum to certify public health administrators which is

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	<p>based on 8 modules which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessing the Health Needs of the Community 2. Investigating Health Effects and Health Hazards in the Community 3. Advocating for Public Health, Building Constituencies and Identifying Resources in the Community 4. Developing Plans and Policies to Address Priority Health Needs 5. Managing Resources and Developing Organizational Structure 6. Implementing Programs and Other Arrangements Assuring or Providing Direct Services for Priority Health Needs, 7. Informing and Educating the Public on Public Health Issues of Concern in the Community 8. Evaluating Programs and Providing Quality Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing an Internet/Fax communication system to rapidly provide information to the media, the public, and selected groups to inform them of public health issues associated with a bioterrorist event, • Providing video conferencing equipment to every region, two labs, and four additional worksites, to allow meetings, training, and other consultative services to be within reasonable proximity to every state and local public health worker, and • Establishing a workforce development workgroup (WOW) and beginning assessment and planning to improve core public health performance.
<p>Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to convene the Illinois Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Task Force, • Updating the Local Health Department and Hospital Bioterrorism Assessment, • Developing the Illinois Public Health Bioterrorism Response Plan, • Developing and advertising a bioterrorism reference lending library of preparedness and response information, • Conducting a Public Health and Medical Bioterrorism Table-top Exercise, • Hiring a Bioterrorism Coordinator who will coordinate activities related to the surveillance and epidemiology of a bioterrorism event, • Developing new lists of reportable diseases that will be distributed to hospitals, laboratories, hospital emergency departments, private practicing physicians, and local health departments, • Continuing to upgrade laboratory capacities to rapidly detect select

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biological agents,

- Improving and maintaining infrastructure to enhance distance learning, information sharing and data collection,
- Establishing a training and professional development program for improving the basis skills needed by the existing public health workforce,
- Expanding current capabilities to allow rapid dissemination of public health advisories to the news media and the public, and
- Developing and implementing an Illinois plan for organizational capacity improvements in the state and local public health system.

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Anecdotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In July 1999, the Illinois General Assembly awarded funds to the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop a multi-disciplinary Infectious Disease Rapid Response Team (IDRRT) to support local public health agencies in responding to infectious disease outbreaks. 										